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I N T E R I M R E P O R T
of the
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
for the
YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1945

To the Chairman and Members of the Crook and Willington U.D.C.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Ministry of Health Circular No. 28/46 of February 11th, 1946, states that the annual report of the Medical Officer of Health for 1945 is to be prepared on the lines of that for 1944, as indicated in Circular 49/45 of March 9th, 1945.

The general health of the neighbourhood during 1945 has been good, apart from an epidemic of measles. Though there was some increase in the number of cases of Scarlet Fever, there were fewer cases of Diphtheria.

Unfortunately there is still no improvement in the housing situation, with the demand for houses ever-increasing. As you know, everything possible is being done to obtain a supply of new houses as soon as possible, and I trust that I will be able to mention some improvement in my next report.

Once again I have to thank all the Council officials for their help, especially Mr. Omand, Mr. Douglas, Mr. Hall and Mr. Cummings. I wish to thank you, Ladies and Gentlemen, for your continued interest and encouragement.

I have the honour to be, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

FENWICK LISHMAN.

Medical Officer of Health.

I give the number of infectious disease notifications during the year from which it will be noted that there have been no serious outbreaks of infectious diseases.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

<u>Disease</u>	<u>Total Cases notified</u>	<u>Cases admitted to hospital</u>	<u>Total Deaths</u>
Scarlet Fever	88	88	-
Diphtheria	23	23	2
Measles	725	1	2
Whooping Cough	13	-	-
Cerebro-spinal Meningitis	4	4	-
Pneumonia	22	-	11
Erysipealas	4	-	-
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	2	2	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	2	-	-

Notified Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) during the year 1945

The following table gives the incidence of Notifiable Diseases during the year.

Disease	Under 1 yr.	2	3	4	5	10	15	20	35	45	65	85	Total
Scarlet Fever	2	5	8	10	44	12	4	3	-	-	-	-	88
Diphtheria	-	2	1	1	9	2	2	5	1	-	-	-	23
Measles	32	182	103	97	288	18	1	1	2	1	-	-	725
Whooping Cough	-	4	-	6	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13
Cerebro-spinal Meningitis	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
Pneumonia	5	2	-	1	1	-	2	1	3	5	2	-	22
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	4
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	2

VITAL STATISTICS

Live Births

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
Legitimate	<u>387</u>	<u>194</u>	<u>193</u>
Illegitimate	29	16	13

Birth rate per 1,000 of estimated resident population: 15.59

Still Births

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
Legitimate	<u>15</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>9</u>
Illegitimate	2	1	1

Rate per 1,000 total (live and still): 16.19

Deaths

<u>Total</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
<u>348</u>	<u>187</u>	<u>161</u>

Death rate per 1,000 of estimated resident population: 13.01

Deaths from Puerperal Causes

Death rate per 1,000 total
(live and still births)

Puerperal Sepsis	-	-
Other Puerperal Causes	-	-

Deaths of Infants under one year of age:-

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
Legitimate	<u>23</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>7</u>
Illegitimate	1	1	-

Death rate of Infants under one year of age:-

All infants per 1,000 live births	<u>57.69</u>
Legitimate infants per 1,000 live births	<u>55.29</u>
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 live births	<u>2.40</u>

Deaths from Cancer	(all ages)	46
Deaths from Measles	(all ages)	2
Deaths from Whooping Cough	(all ages)	-
Deaths from Diarrhoea	(under 2 years)	2

CAUSES OF DEATH

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers	-	-
Cerebro-spinal Fever	-	-
Scarlet Fever	-	-
Whooping Cough	-	-
Diphtheria	2	-
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	7	7
Other forms of Tuberculosis	2	1
Syphilitic Diseases	-	-
Influenza	3	-
Measles	1	1
Acute Poliomyelitis & Polio-encephalitis	-	-
Acute Infantile encephalitis	-	1
Cancer	19	27
Diabetes	-	1
Intracranial Vascular Lesions	26	21
Heart Disease	57	43
Other diseases of Circulatory System	7	6
Bronchitis	9	6
Pneumonia	6	5
Other Respiratory diseases	-	1
Ulcer of Stomach or Duodenum	-	1
Diarrhoea (under 2 years)	1	1
Appendicitis	-	-
Other digestive diseases	4	3
Nephritis	5	1
Puerperal and post-abortion sepsis	-	-
Other maternal causes	-	-
Premature Birth	1	-
Other infantile diseases	6	3
Suicide	-	1
Road Traffic Accidents	1	4
Other violent causes	9	2
All other causes	21	25
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TUBERCULOSIS

New Cases and Mortality during the year 1945.

Age Periods	New Cases				Deaths			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1.....	1	-	3	1	-	-	1	1
5.....	-	2	7	4	-	-	-	-
15.....	1	5	-	4	-	1	-	-
25.....	8	2	-	1	2	3	-	-
35.....	2	1	2	1	2	2	1	-
45.....	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	-
55.....	2	-	-	-	2	-	-	-
65 & up..	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Total	15	10	13	11	7	7	2	1

